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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yamazaki et al. Examiner: Foster, C.
SERIAL NO.: 10/661,790 Group Art Unit: 1641
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FOR: MEMBRANE-BASED ASSAYS

Petition for 3-Month Extension of Time

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Sir:

Applicants petition for a 3-Month Extension of Time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated October 24, 2006, extending the period for response to April 24, 2007.

- - ☑ Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2207 for the fee due.
- Applicants petition for an additional Extension of Time if necessary for timely filing of this petition and enclosures.
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Respectfully submitted,

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